



When I pastored in Minnesota, I had the opportunity to go on Spiritual Retreats. These retreats always had two main speakers. One speaker led the morning sessions and the other was in charge of the afternoon sessions. Each speaker offered a different topic.

On the first day of one Spiritual Retreat, while we participants were learning from the morning speaker, the afternoon speaker contacted the retreat committee to say she'd become ill and wouldn't be at the retreat. Since there was no time to find another speaker, someone on the committee suggested they purchase some inexpensive fun toys, like Play-Doh.

Every afternoon for the rest of the week, we played. We had so much fun! We realized that far too often adults forget to play. We're so busy doing what we're supposed to be doing that we forget to schedule time to just have fun.

This takes a toll on our health. As a young doctor, Stuart Brown decided to research the backgrounds of murderers who otherwise had no criminal history. He discovered a common thread. Ninety percent of them related that, as children, their play was severely restricted.

In his conclusion, Brown stated: Play is any activity that is purposeless, dissolves ego boundaries, and ultimately brings joy. It's also an activity that delights God, who, after all, was the first one to play. What was the Creation, after all?

Dr. Brown spent many more decades studying play- before he, an admitted workaholic, realized the irony. He started to include playtimes in his schedule. He recommends that everyone do the same.

It's easy to buy into the concept of play. It's much more difficult to enact it in our busy, overscheduled lives. First of all, we must give ourselves permission to NOT continually produce work- or be up-to date with whatever is trending. Then, we must allow ourselves to have unstructured time. We're to give ourselves permission to stop what we are doing in order to kick the ball around, doodle and color, create, and laugh. Also, we must allow some messes to exist- and permit ourselves to be less than perfect.

Madeleine L'Engle said, "Far too many people misunderstand what 'putting away childish things' means- and think that forgetting what it is like to think, feel, touch, smell, taste, see, and hear like a three-year-old or a thirteen-year-old means 'being grown up.' If this is what it means to be a grown-up, then I don't ever want to be one."

The Summer season reminds us to slow down. It reminds us to disconnect with media- and reconnect with God's Creation. It reminds us to clear out our busy schedules, so that we might reconnect with people. It gives us great weather for travelling and seeing new things. It gives us great scenery to just sit back and admire.

During July and August, slow down. Appreciate the simple things in life. Reconnect with nature and with God, both during worship and during your adjusted daily routines. Refresh yourselves with play.

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Christ birthed the church for mission. How is St. Paul's UCC changing lives?  
How are we making the world a better place?

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On-Line Donations—Do you pay your bills on-line?

Consider adding your monthly church donation to that list.

Donations to the church can be set up as recurring transactions.

Checks are mailed from the bank to the church and clearly indicate the donor.

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We are now Live Streaming to You Tube on 10 am on Sunday morning. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

in the box up on the top put in St. Paul's Attica or here is the direct link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw>.

It will be also posted to Facebook after the broadcast.

We're looking for volunteers to learn and do the sound on a Sunday am. This can be done right at your seat. There is a sample bulletin for you to follow. This the easiest way to help without much training.



# Pray for our Shut-ins



Carol Shreder  
Bev West

Larry Taylor  
Chuck Kellogg

...and others who are physically unable to join us.  
Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?



If you have an over abundance of garden vegetables this summer—your church family here at St. Paul's would gladly take them off your hands.

Bring them in, leave at the back door area.

Congratulations to Becki & Jeff Peters  
Becki was awarded the Lyons Club Citizen of the Year and Jeff is the new Lyons Club President.



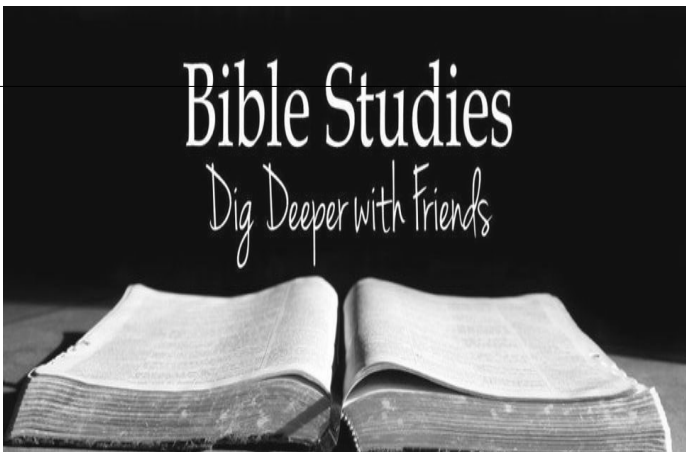
## Attica Food Link Distribution:

Food Pantry Parking Lot  
July 5th, August 2nd  
10am-12pm

—1st come 1st served , Bring your own bags  
This will be for the next six month period.  
Sponsored by Attica Food Pantry

## Happy 160th Anniversary St. Paul's U.C.C.

### Sunday Bible readings:



Bible Study will resume in the fall.

Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas.  
If you have additional questions or concerns,  
contact the Convener:

Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening,  
Charles- Wed. morning

July 2  
Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13 or  
Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4,15-18  
Matthew 10:38-42  
Romans 6:12-23

July 9  
**Psalm 145.8-14**  
*Song of Solomon 2.8-13*

July 16  
**Isaiah 55.10-13**  
*Psalm 119.105-106,111-112*

July 23  
Genesis 28:10-22  
Psalm 139:1-12,23-24 or  
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,16-19  
Psalm 86:11-17, Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 Romans 8:12-25

July 30  
**Romans 8:31-39**  
*Psalm 105.1-6*

August 6  
**Matthew 14.13-21**  
*Psalm 145.8-9,14-18*

August 13  
**Genesis 37.1-4,18-28**  
*Romans 10:5-15*

August 20  
**Matthew 15:10-20**  
*Isaiah 56.1,6-8*

August 27  
**Exodus 1:8-2:10**  
*Isaiah 51.1-6*

Pastoral Relations Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2023

The Pastoral Relations committee met Sunday, May 21, 2023, following church services. Present: Patricia Baker, Bev Myers, Lisa Knerr, and Pastor Laurie Heidenreich. This meeting was attended by our current confirmands. The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Heidenreich. Pastor Heidenreich provided updates on arrangements for upcoming services during the holidays. Pastor Laurie discussed the upcoming youth trip. Currently, there are three youth attending. The committee then closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2023 following services. Church members and guests are welcome to reach out to any Pastoral Relations Committee member with any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Patricia A. Baker*

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David Ramsey Program

Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your financials?

Do you want to reduce money worries?

Would you like to give more to the church but you don't feel like you can?

We will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace classes again starting in September if we can get enough interest.

Please let Lisa Neary or Justin Kipfer know if you are interested or have any questions.



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On October 1st, we will be celebrating  
the commitment of our members who joined St. Paul's UCC in 1973.  
We currently have Karen Beideck, Laurie Bellucci and Jean Wirth.

If you believe you are a 50-year member  
or if you know of someone who should be included,  
please let us know.



# CHURCH COUNCIL

May 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Mary West.

Present: David Williman, Marilyn Wilson, Deb Best, Mare Lowe, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Chris Eddy, Lorraine Wolf, and Mary West

Absent: Tom Baker, John Brandon, Pastor Laurie  
Mary West led us in prayer.

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Lisa Neary, seconded by Laurie Bellucci, passed.

April minutes were reviewed. Marie Lowe made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Lorraine Wolf, passed.

## Reports:

Deacons – Discussed graduation Sunday – gifts have been purchased. Lorraine will order a cake. Since this is a Deacon responsibility, everyone will be needed to set up, serve and clean up. Discussed layreaders and discussed a change in distributing communion. Lorraine Wolf is in charge of finding lay readers, ushers and greeters for June. Lisa Neary has July.

Trustees – Clean up dates are scheduled for June 7 – 10. Major project will be the parking lot, which will be tabled for now pending future improvement of church finances.

Treasurer's report -reviewed and discussed. Justin Kipfer and Susan McPherson will be contacted and asked to attend a special meeting after church on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the church finances.

Christian Ed – Kids will be doing a presentation in church for the heifer project at a future date.

Pastor's Report –None

A motion to accept all reports was made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by David Williman, passed.

## Business:

Yard signs will be approximately \$5 - \$6 each. 2 months of lead time will be needed. Should order by June/July.

Picnic – sign up board is up. The picnic will be downstairs. Marie will bring hamburgers and hot dogs. Laurie will bring bbq sauce, mustard, ketchup, lemonade and tea.

Sauerkraut supper – nothing new.

Reviewed counting procedures.

T-shirts – discussed selling church t-shirts – free advertising. Discussed other fundraisers.

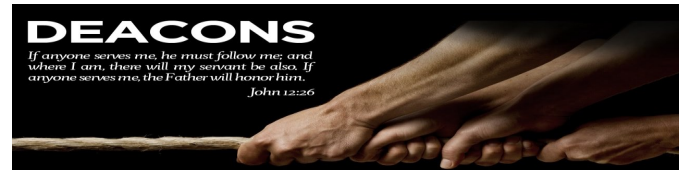
Next meeting will be June 20, 2023.

Laurie Bellucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marie Lowe, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. with Mary West leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary  
Council Secretary



May 16, 2023

Members Present: Laurie Bellucci, Mary West, Lisa Neary, Marilyn Wilson, and Lorraine Wolf.

Members Absent: Pastor Laurie and John Brandon.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Laurie Bellucci led us in prayer.

Agenda reviewed and motion made to accept by Mary West and seconded by Lorraine Wolf. Motion carried.

April minutes reviewed and motion made to accept by Lisa Neary and seconded by Marilyn Wilson. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Graduation Sunday-June 25th. Discussed gifts and cake.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Lay Readers, Ushers and Greeters schedule reviewed.

Discussed Communion distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting June 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Wolf, Deacon's Secretary

## TRUSTEE MEETING

May 16, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present Members; David, Tom, Debbie, Marie and Chris.

David talked to Bove and to Wall's about parking lot. Hopefully we can patch the driveway.

Discussed mulch and seasonal clean up.

Still looking for parts for the back door.

Mowing schedule will be available soon.

The birds nest discussed and will not be moved until after nesting for spring.

Streamers need to be changed for May 1<sup>st</sup>. They need to be red.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Next meeting: May 16, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Best



Congratulations to our Confirmands  
Madelyn Perry and Joshua Kipfer

Welcome to our church family.



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Awesome weekend for these boys!! Won all 3 games on Saturday and both games Sunday, taking home the championship title!! Very well deserved, they worked so hard! Way to go! 💙 🧡



## Special Council Minutes

May 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:48 a.m. by Mary West with prayer.

Present: David Williman, Marilyn Wilson, Deb Best, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Lorraine Wolf, Mary West, Susan McPherson and Justin Kipfer

Absent: Tom Baker, John Brandon, Marie Lowe, Pastor Laurie, Chris Eddy

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the church's finances. Susan McPherson was invited, as the church's treasurer and Justin Kipfer as chair of the investment committee.

Susan provided what the "other" fund contained. The contents of the "other" fund includes \$2,973 for Mission and \$2,190 for Sauerkraut.

Justin explained the church has three CDs as follows:

Maturity Date 12/20/24                      \$593.16

Maturity Date 1/12/25                      \$2,493.22

Maturity Date 5/13/25                      \$14,295.64

Lisa Neary made a motion to cash in the 2 smaller CD's, seconded by Mary West, passed.

We need to keep the sauerkraut money to pay for the for pork for the next dinner and to pay for the signs, which will advertise and hopefully bring in more people.

Council decided to call a semi-annual meeting for June 11 to communicate the finances to the congregation. We will also discuss the emergency exit procedure and have a drill ahead of our picnic.

We will insert 2 finance reports in the next newsletter in an effort to communicate the church members.

Discussed future plans.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary

Council Secretary

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## Semi-Annual Council Minutes

June 11, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mary West.

The purpose of this semi annual meeting is to discuss the church's finances.

Mary reviewed the financial report which shows a significant decrease in the operating fund. The drop happened in January of 2023 and has remained at a balance of approximately \$3,000. Mary talked about the need for an increase in revenue.

We cashed in our two smallest CD's for approximately \$3,000, which leaves us with the last CD of \$14,295.64. Which we will cash in next if our cash level continues to drop.

There is a parsonage fund that has \$100,000 in it. That fund is invested in the stock market and the preference would be to not touch that for monthly operations.

We'd love to hear ideas and thoughts. Our meetings are the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is invited to share their ideas for increasing the church's revenue.

Jeff Peters thanked everyone who took CPR classes at the church. Annie is willing to come back in the future.

Jeff reviewed the emergency exit plan in the event of an emergency and the procedure in the event of an active shooter. Wheelchairs are at the front and back exits of the church for those who have difficulty ambulating.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary

Council Secretary

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### ***Benjamin Kipfer***

Benjamin Kipfer graduated #20 in his class with honors from Attica Senior High School on June 23, 2023.

This past fall the Attica-Alexander soccer team completed an undefeated 16-0 season with Ben in goal. This led to the team being named as the Genesee Region League Champions. The team was recently recognized as being a Scholar Team. To achieve this status every member of the team must maintain a 90+ average throughout the season.

At Senior Awards night Ben received the American Legion Band Award. This award is given to a senior that has contributed the most of themselves during their four years as a band member. Ben is planning to attend GCC in the fall majoring in Physical Education. His future plans are to transfer to SUNY Brockport to finish his degree and become a PE Teacher.



### ***Emily Lovell***

Emily is moving back to South Carolina with her family after graduation. She will be furthering her education to pursue a career in the culinary industry to become a chef.

*Alyssa Jacoby*

Alyssa graduated from Attica High School. She was on the Honor Roll. She received the Following: Attica Garden Club Scholarship - \$300  
Scholarship from the college she will be attending in the fall - \$20,000 (4 years)  
College attending: Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) Syracuse NY  
Her major will be Sustainable Energy Management



*Sara E. Baker*

Sara graduated from Attica Central School District. She received the following Awards:  
George G. Wilson Memorial Award  
Attica Drama Club Senior Service Award  
Sara will be attending: SUNY Geneseo- Geology





*Lauren West*

Lauren graduated from Perry Central High School, future plans to attend Illinois Institute of Technology to study architecture and structural engineering



COLLEGE GRADUATE

*Eric Peters*

Graduated from Finger Lakes Community College on May 20th with an Associate's of Science degree in Environmental Studies.

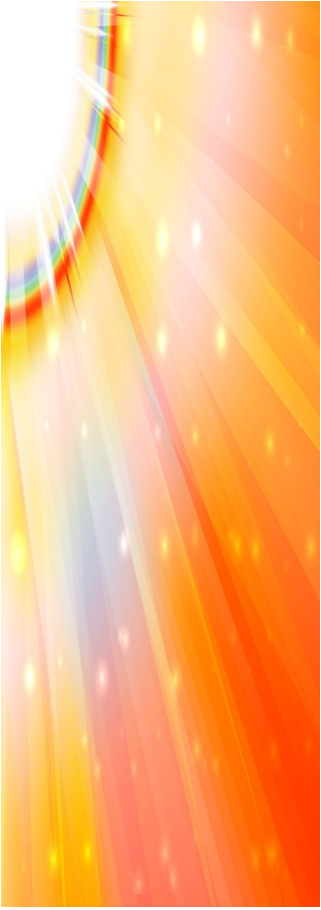
Eric will be working as an electrician in Longmont, Colorado.





# JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Worship & Communion 10 am <i>Joanne Ripstein</i>	3	4 Happy 4th of July Office Closed	5 Food Link	6	7 <i>Chuck &amp; Dorothy</i>	8
9 Worship 10 am	10	11 <i>Eddie Almeter</i>	12	13 <i>Dave McPherson</i>	14 <i>Chuck Kellogg</i>	15
16 Worship 10 am	17 <i>Tom Baker</i> Youth Mission Trip	18 <i>Meredith Walsb</i>	19 <i>Connor Storch</i>	20 <i>Lynn Berry</i>	21	22
23 Worship 10 am	24	25	26	27 <i>Bill Colvenbach</i>	28 <i>David Williman</i>	29 <i>Daniel Neary</i>
30 Worship 10 am	31 <i>Sanyer West</i>					



# AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Food Link <i>Benjamin Kipfer</i>	3	4	5 <i>Christine Prusak</i>
6 Worship & Communion 10 am	7 <i>Nicole Breedlove</i>	8	9 <i>Lucas Breedlove</i>	10 <i>Jean Wirth</i> <i>Josy Paganello</i>	11 <i>Diane Carter</i>	12
13 Worship 10 am	14 <i>Phyllis Merle</i> <i>Ryan Bolton</i> <i>Eleanor Eddy</i>	15 <i>Martha &amp; Arlon</i>	16	17	18	19
20 Worship 10 am Pastoral Relations Newsletter deadline <i>John &amp; Arlene</i>	21 <i>Jimmy Neary</i> <i>Charles Simonson</i>	22	23 <i>Elaine Amedick</i>	24 <i>John Brandon</i> <i>Kathleen Nolan</i>	25	26
27 Worship 10 am	28 <i>Russ &amp; Dolores</i>	29	30	31 <i>Ed &amp; Sharon</i>		

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July/Aug  
2023

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**September Newsletter Deadline**  
**August 20th**

Please make sure all newsletter  
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